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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT WITH  
SYNCHRONIZED PACING PROTECTION PERIOD

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 1-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from May 11, 2003 to June 11, 2003.